

## TWO DOLLAR WHEAT

This Price Will Hold For Some Years.

A well advised commercial authority gives it as his opinion, "as a slow descent may be counted on in the prices for grain when the war ends—it may take several years to restore the world's stock of foodstuffs to normal—there is good ground for confidence in the outlook for rapid development in agriculture."

If this be correct, it follows that the profession of farming will materially increase its ranks in the next few years.

Today, the price of wheat is set by the United States government at \$2.20 per bushel, and in Canada the price has been set at \$2.21. This, of course, is less freight and handling charges which brings the average to the farmers at about \$2.00 per bushel. This price will pay so long as land, material and labor can be secured at reasonable prices. It remains for the would-be producer to ascertain where he can secure these at prices that will make the production of grain profitable. He will estimate what price he can afford to pay for land that will give him a yield of wheat which when sold at \$2.00 per bushel, will return him a fair profit. Local and social conditions will also enter into the consideration. Finding what he wants he would be wise to make his purchase now. Land prices in some portions of the country are low, certainly as low as they will ever be. City property and town property will fluctuate, but farm property will hold its own. The price of grain is as low as it will be for some years. Therefore it would be well to look about, and find what can be done.

There are doubtless many opportunities in the United States, especially in the Western States, to purchase good agricultural lands, that will produce well, at reasonable prices. If the would-be buyer has the time to investigate, and that is needed, for these lands do not exist in any considerable area, he would be well repaid. Not only will his land certainly increase in value—the unearned increment would be an asset—while under cultivation he can find nothing that will give better results. He will at the same time be performing a patriotic act, a needful act, one that would meet with the food controller's plea to increase agricultural production and assist in reducing the deficit of 75 million bushels of wheat reported by the controller.

In addition to the vacant lands in the United States which should be brought under cultivation, Western Canada offers today the greatest area of just the land that is required, and at low prices—prices that cannot last long. Even now land prices are increasing, as their value is daily becoming more apparent, and their location desirable.

As to the intrinsic value of land in Western Canada, hundreds of concrete cases could be cited, which go to prove that at fifty and sixty dollars per acre—figures that have recently been paid for improved farms—the crops grown on them gave a profit of from twenty to thirty per cent and even higher, on such an investment. One instance, is that of a young Englishman, unaccustomed to farming before he took his seat on the sulky plow with which he does most of his work, after allowing himself \$1,000 for his own wages last year, made a profit of \$2,200 on a \$20,000 investment. His total sales amounted to \$5,700 and his expense, which included the \$1,000 wages for himself, was \$3,500. The interest was 11½ per cent.

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Bowser  
Prepares for  
WarHe Is Going to  
Build a Fort

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Mr. Bowser had come home looking very solemn and earnest.

It was when they had finished their meal and gone upstairs and he had smoked half a cigar that he began packing up and down and finally explained: "Mrs. Bowser," he began, "do you know that I am almost a criminal?"

"Have you almost killed some one?" she queried.

"Worse than that. If you could kick higher than a toe-string I should ask you to kick me all around this room."



"I'll Be Found Behind It"

I have done a reprehensible, if not a criminal thing. For weeks and weeks I have exposed your life to danger."

"Do you mean that the gas meter may blow up, Mr. Bowser?"

"No, ma'am; I mean that all this howling about war and unpreparedness has been passed by me, and I am today as helpless as an infant. The United States was not prepared for war, and Samuel Bowser is not."

"But what could you do, dear?" asked Mrs. Bowser.

"Well, I will go over the case for a minute. If the Germans land troops here they will naturally land at Fritz's dock. He is a German, you know, and he will have sent word to them that they can land at his dock and he will make no charge. Six or eight thousand troops will land and march right up Joy street until they come to the corner of ours. There they will halt until the general in command asks where I live. They will scare some boy



"Shall Perish Defending That Breastwork."

into pointing out our house and they will come down here with a rush. Do you see it, Mrs. Bowser?"

"Hardly," she replied, "what should they want of you?"

"Why, I have defied them tooth and toenail for the last year. Now, then, our house stands almost on the west line of our lot. On the east side, there is an open space of 50 feet. There are gates by which a coal cart can come in at the front and deliver the coal, and go out of the alley gate in rear. Is this open space defended?"

"Why, does it need any defense, Mr. Bowser?"

"If the Germans come you will see. They will tear away the front gate in a jiffy, and pour in and have the house surrounded in sixty seconds. You know what that means. I am reprehensible and almost criminal because I did not see this thing long ago and prepare for it. Mrs. Bowser, I ought to be sent to jail for two or three days!"

"But now that you see it at last you are going to prepare, are you?" was the query.

"I am going right at it tomorrow

morning, and I shall work around home until it is finished. I shall build a fort to protect this open space. It won't be a fort after all. It will be a breastwork facing the street, and on this will be mounted cannon and quick-firing guns, and, when the hour of peril comes, I will be found behind it with a rifle in my hand and five or six men flying defiant."

"Haven't you planned a pretty big thing?" asked Mrs. Bowser, in doubtful tones.

"Yes, it is a pretty big thing, but I can carry it out," was the reply. "The breastwork will be made of sand bags, and I must see a contractor the very first thing in the morning. I must also go to army headquarters and see about cannon, quick-firing guns, rifles and ammunition. Not until that breastwork is finished and ready for business, shall I draw a long breath of relief. What are you getting out pencil and paper for?"

"Oh, just to figure a little," was the reply. "We want to see how much it's going to cost to win the glorious victory of the Germans and save our lives. Now, then, how many sand bags will you use?"

"About 200, and each bag will weigh 200 pounds, I don't see any use in figuring."

"Well, it won't do any hurt, Mr. Bowser. You get a contractor. He has got to buy 200 stout bags, and have them filled, and drawn here on his truck and delivered. I don't believe you can get them at less than two dollars a bag. They may have to be drawn a great distance, don't you see?"

"Then," continued Mrs. Bowser, "you must have at least one man to assist you in placing the bags, and you can count on three hard days' work—maybe weeks. You must add all this into the expense, and you will probably have two cannon. What do cannons cost apiece, Mr. Bowser?"

"As I told you this figuring is all bosh," sulkily replied Mr. Bowser.

"I don't believe you can get them for less than \$500 each, and you never loaded nor fired a cannon in your life. It looks to me as if you would have to hire an artillery company. And I read in the paper that a quick-firing gun cost \$250. You will want two of them, and about 10 rifles at \$10 apiece."

"Are you done?" sulkily demanded Mr. Bowser, as Mrs. Bowser stopped to wet her pencil on her tongue.

"Just a minute, Mr. Bowser. There is the ammunition for all of these arms—that is going to cost a pretty penny. There is no doubt but that you will kill at least a thousand Germans, but let us see how much it will cost you a head."

"We won't see anything of the kind!" half shouted Mr. Bowser. "I am going ahead and build that fort, and an hour before the Germans come you can start out on a visit to your mother and leave me here alone. I shall perish defending that breastwork."

"Just a word, Mr. Bowser. If, when the Germans come and before they have drawn down the gates, you asked the commander to step inside and see

Temperance  
Notes

(Conducted by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.)

## DRINKING AMONG SCHOOLBOYS.

Some time ago a schoolmaster of Cologne, astonished at the poor work done on Mondays by the 54 boys in his class, questioned them as to the manner in which Sunday had been spent. He learned that 19 had spent the evening before in some cafe or beer garden, that 20 had taken wine, 24 beer and 19 brandy; 17 had had both wine and beer, 14 had had wine, beer and brandy, ten had been very tipsy and eight had been nauseated.

Doctor Boyer of Vienna requested a certain number of school directors to divide their 381 pupils into three categories: Good, adequate and inadequate. Then, with their aid, he divided these into five classes: (1) Those to whom alcoholic drinks were unknown; (2) those who drank occasionally; (3) those who drank beer once a day; (4) those who drank it twice daily; (5) those who drank it thrice. The results were as follows:

	Good	Adequate	Inadequate
Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
1.	38.8	49.2	9.0
2.	34.1	56.6	9.5
3.	33.8	58.4	13.7
4.	34.0	57.7	18.3
5.	34.9	33.3	66.6

Whence the conclusion that the water-drinker is almost always at least among the adequate, if not among the good, scholars.

## THE NATIONAL AMENDMENT.

"If the proposed amendment should be adopted by three-fourths of the states," says United States Senator Sheppard, speaking of national prohibition, "the traffic in intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes would be forbidden anywhere within the American republic. Prohibition would be introduced in the organic law of the nation."

Is it not true that the federal government, the largest social unit we have, should take a hand when the traffic in a poisonous drug is taking from the earnings of the American people six times as much as they expend for bread, ten times as much as they expend for furniture, and twice as much as they expend for clothing? As I view the matter," concluded Senator Sheppard, "the member of either branch of the American congress who denies the power of amendment to the states, especially an amendment which vests powers of the people desire the states to consider, violates the basic principles both of the constitution and of popular government, repudiates the fundamental rights of the states and overturns the two most sacred privileges the people possess, the privileges of referendum and of petition."

The man who is not willing that the question of national prohibition be submitted to a poll of the states is not traveling the path of safe democracy.

## SUPREMACY MILITARY NECESSITY.

"If we are to pour out our money and blood we must insist that we shall have a fair return for the price we pay. How can it be done? Only in one way that is big enough to be named in the same breath with Europe's gain—the abolition of the liquor traffic! By nation-wide, bone-dry, rock-rubbed, bomb-proof, never-leak prohibition as the largest possible military preparation and the only adequate compensation for the price we pay."

Immediate prohibition is a supreme military necessity, and would mean victory against any nation that remains in partnership with rum. I do not tremble for my country, I do not fear the ultimate result, however long drawn out the conflict; but national prohibition would make assurance doubly sure, accelerate the victory, work blessings upon all, hardships upon none, and pay dividends for eternity when peace shall come. National constitutional prohibition is our one salvation."—Clinton N. Howard.

## IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

The first Monday after the dry law went into effect in the District of Columbia, Judge Muldowny remarked from the bench: "Just think of it! Monday morning docket usually contained the names of from 40 to 50 persons who had been arrested for intoxication. Today we have two or three persons charged with that offense. It is hard to conceive that such a great change could be brought about in so short a time."

## BRANDY BRANDS.

Brandy brands a man as the property of a ranch where everything is red hot. As the cowboy on the ranges knows his master's brand on every steer and rounds them up, so at the final round-up the owner of each branded beast will know and claim his own.

## SOBER FIGHTERS.

If we cannot afford to let the liquor trade make drunkards of our soldiers, neither can we afford to let the liquor trade make drunkards of the men who are to raise food for the soldiers.—William J. Bryan.

## DRY ZONE AROUND COAL MINES.

Coal operators in the Pittsburgh district, meeting to discuss the fuel situation, declared that liquor selling within five miles of a mine should be prohibited by the president of the United States.

## Messengers of Death.

There are about 200 separate and distinct kinds of shells fired from German guns, and each and every one of them has been given at least one nickname by the Tommies, according to London Tit-Bits. Some of them have been given several.

The biggest kind of high explosive shells, for instance, are known indifferently as "Dirty Dicks," "Jack Johnsons," "Coal Boxes," "Flower Pots," "Crumps," "Black Peters" or "Whistling Willies."

The smaller kind are "Black Marias" and "Woolly Bears," according to whether the smoke they emit when bursting is black, or white with a yellowish tinge.

High explosive shrapnel and trench mortar shells are respectively "whizz-bangs" and "pip-squeaks," from their habit of giving only those warnings of their approach. "Archbalds" are anti-aircraft shells. Ordinary shrapnel projectiles are "Little Willies."

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## Auntie All Upset.

Aunt Elvira rushed into the house, hysterical. "I've lost my hearing!" she shouted.

"You have?" her frightened sister shouted back. "How do you know?"  
"See that man out there playing that hand-organ? Well, I can't hear a single note!" And Aunt Elvira wept afresh.

"That's a moving-picture photographer at work!" snapped her sister.—New York Evening Post.

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